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This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2004 Pacific whiting fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California.

	Allocation		Catch* (mt)	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons				
California (south of 42 N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	4,526	4,589	--	CA season began April 1; temporary closure from May 22 to June 15	
Oregon	--	NA	50,993	--		
Washington	--	NA	22,717	--		
<b>WOC shore-based</b>	42% commercial OY	<b>90,510</b>	78,299	8/7	Began June 15; ended 1600 August 14	86.5%
<b>Mothership</b> (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	<b>51,720</b>	29,632	8/14	Began May 15	57.3%
<b>Catcher/processor</b> (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	<b>73,270</b>	35,166	8/15	Began May 15	48.0%
Total nontribal	commercial OY	215,500	143,097	--	--	66.4%
<b>Tribal (Makah)</b>		<b>32,500</b>	22,620	7/29	Began May 20	69.6%
Total directed fishing		248,000	165,717	--	--	66.8%
<b>Other</b> (research & incidental catch in non- groundfish fisheries)		<b>2,000</b>	unknown at this time			--
Total	OY=optimum yield	250,000	--	--	--	--

\* Catch includes discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based catcher vessels; and small amounts landed under the trip limit between the seasons. The data for at-sea processing (catcher/processors and motherships) are preliminary and are based on reports from NMFS-trained observers. Data for shore-based processors also are preliminary and are provided by each State to NMFS for the purpose of monitoring the fishery. Preliminary data for the Makah fishery are from NMFS-trained observers or state fish tickets. All weights are round weight (the weight of the whole fish before processing) or round-weight equivalents. One metric ton is 2,204.6 pounds.

